

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
 TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014
 BOARD ROOM
 6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Lock-Dawson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Lock-Dawson, President; Mr. Tom Hunt, Vice President; Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Clerk; Mrs. Gayle Cloud, Member; and Mr. Brent Lee, Member.

Also present were Interim District Superintendent, Mr. Michael H. Fine, members of the staff, and other interested citizens.

STUDY SESSION

Personalized Learning

Mr. Fine, Dr. David Haglund, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Support; and Mrs. Gloria Cowder, Director, Program Development and Extended Learning Opportunities, reviewed a PowerPoint and provided information with the Board of Education regarding the Riverside Unified School District's Personalized Learning Initiatives.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Consideration of Pupil Services Matters Pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146 and 48918

2. Conference With Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

District Representative:	Mr. Michael H. Fine, Interim District Superintendent
Employee Organizations:	Riverside City Teachers Association California School Employees Association

3. Conference With Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

District Negotiator:	Mr. Michael H. Fine, Interim District Superintendent
Unrepresented Employees:	Assistant Superintendents

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:35 p.m. Mrs. Lock-Dawson announced that no formal action was taken by the Board during Closed Session.

RIVERSIDE POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL ARMY JROTC COLOR GUARD PRESENTATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Akayla Chaple, 2nd grade John Adams Elementary School student.

GROUP PERFORMANCE

Members of the Riverside STEM Academy Elementary Advanced Band performed for the Board of Education.

SECTION A – PRESENTATION

A.1 Recognition of Arlington High School’s Solar Cup Team and Advisor Ms. Danielle Salcido

Ms. Liselle DeGrave, Educational Outreach Specialist, representing Western Municipal Water District presented a \$2,500 check to Arlington Solar Cup Advisor Danielle Salcido and shared a short PowerPoint presentation.

SECTION B – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

B.1 Reports presented by Riverside Polytechnic, Ramona, Educational Options Center (EOC)/Riverside Virtual School (RVS), and John W. North High Schools’ Student Board Representatives.

SECTION C – PUBLIC INPUT

There were no requests received to speak to the Board of Education.

SECTION D – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS

D.1 Riverside Council PTA Presentation by Ms. Sandie Page, President

D.2 CSEA Presentation by Mr. Daniel Rudd, President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506

SECTION E – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

E.1 Board Instruction Subcommittee Report

The Board of Education received a report from Mrs. Cloud regarding the Board Instruction Subcommittee.

E.2 Board Student Activities Subcommittee Report

The Board of Education received a report from Mrs. Allavie regarding the Board Student Activities Subcommittee.

E.3 Board Communications Subcommittee Report

The Board of Education received a report from Mrs. Allavie regarding the Board Communications Subcommittee.

SECTION F – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was unanimously approved by members present with the exception of Item F. 14 which was pulled for discussion with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Allavie, Cloud, Hunt, Lee, Lock-Dawson
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Items in the Consent Calendar have been published with the agenda and copies are on file in the District administrative offices.

ITEM PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

F.14 Recommended Actions From the Administrative Hearing Panel and/or the Executive Director, Pupil Services/SELPA and Adoption of the Findings of Fact for All Approved Cases

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was unanimously approved by members present with the following roll call vote to approve Item F.14:

AYES: Allavie, Cloud, Hunt, Lee, Lock-Dawson
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

SECTION G – REPORT/DISCUSSION

G.1 Measure B Citizens’ Oversight Committee 2012 Annual Report

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, introduced Ms. Gladys Walker, Chairperson, Measure B Citizen’ Oversight Committee (COC), who presented the Board of Education with the 2012 Annual Report.

G.2 Disclosure of Tentative Agreements Between Riverside Unified School District and Its Employees Represented by the California School Employees Association, Chapter 506

Ms. Sandie Meekins, Director, Business Services stated that this item represents the public disclosure of the terms and conditions, including financial impact, of Tentative Agreements for employees represented by the California School Employees Association, Chapter 506.

G.3 2013-2014 Calendar Committee Report Three-Year Cycle

Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Personnel, introduced Mrs. Kiley Ybarra, Director, Certificated Personnel, provided the Board of Education with a brief report regarding the status and proposals relating to future school calendars and stated that this item will be coming back to the Board for action at the next Board meeting.

The following individual spoke to the Board members regarding this item and discussed her concerns: Mrs. Judy Bailey.

The Board took a break from 7:46 to 8:01 p.m.

SECTION H – ACTION

H.1 Riverside Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Academy Facility Expansion Options

Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, 7-12, and Mr. Dale Moore, Principal, Riverside STEM Academy, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the Riverside STEM Academy expansion options to support the 5th - 12th grade programs at a single site.

The following individuals shared their concerns with the Board members regarding this item: Dr. Bahram Mobasher, Mrs. Sarah Simpson, Mr. Greg Astran, and Ms. Nancy Campbell.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was unanimously approved by members present with the following roll call vote to approve keeping the Riverside STEM Academy 10th grade at the Hyatt campus, and for the 11th grade expansion forward to be sent to the Board Operations Subcommittee for concrete direction and then it will be brought back to the full Board for approval:

AYES: Allavie, Cloud, Hunt, Lee, Lock-Dawson
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

H.2 RCTA/RUSD Common Core Steering Committee Report and Funding Recommendations

Mrs. Judi Paredes, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, K-6, introduced Ms. Renee Hill and Mr. Tim Martin, Chairs of the Steering Committee, who reviewed a PowerPoint and stated that the RCTA/RUSD Common Core Steering Committee is seeking the Board of Education’s approval of the plan for expenditure of the Common Core State Standards Implementation Funds.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Lee and was unanimously approved by members present with the following roll call vote to approve the plan put forth by the RCTA/RUSD Common Core Steering Committee:

AYES: Allavie, Cloud, Hunt, Lee, Lock-Dawson
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

H.3 2012-2013 Annual Financial Report and Audit

Ms. Sandie Meekins, Director, Business Services, introduced Mr. Kevin Brejnak, Partner, with Nigro & Nigro, PC, who provided the Board members with an Audit Highlights handout and noted that state law requires that each year the financial records of the District be audited by an independent third party audit firm and that the Governing Board review the annual financial report and audit at a public meeting.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was unanimously approved by members present with the following roll call vote to approve the 2012-2013 Annual Financial Report and Audit:

AYES: Allavie, Cloud, Hunt, Lee, Lock-Dawson
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

SECTION I – CONCLUSION

I.1 Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Cloud stated that a lot of information was provided on the agenda, and that she appreciated the Board Workshop on Saturday. Mrs. Cloud said she is looking forward to addressing the items that were discussed on the agenda.

Mr. Hunt commended Mrs. Lock-Dawson for a good meeting tonight, and that Saturday's Board Workshop was productive. He suggested moving the Superintendent's report to an earlier time in the agenda. Mr. Hunt mentioned that he will not be in attendance for the April Board meeting.

Mrs. Allavie had no comments.

Mr. Lee noted his appreciation to the Board Communications Subcommittee that the Board meetings are being live streamed. He voiced his appreciation for the Riverside STEM Academy parents and the Calendar Committee that attended the meeting tonight – as well as the people participating real time. He said that he would like to see an option on the District's website allowing easy accessibility to the live stream for the Board meeting.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson agreed that she would like to see Mr. Fine's report moved to the beginning of the Board agenda. She stated that she really appreciated the candor and passion that was expressed during tonight's Board meeting.

I.2 Interim District Superintendent's Announcements

Mr. Fine indicated that embedded within the Consent agenda was the Early Notification of Separation Incentive Programs for Certificated and for Management/Confidential/Supervisory employees. He noted that staff will work on getting the word out about these incentive programs. Mr. Fine discussed the Governor's visit that he participated in at the Riverside County Office of Education, and he discussed that visitors will be coming to the Riverside Virtual School tomorrow. He thanked the principals, staff, students, and parents that participated in the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Walk on Monday, January 20. Mr. Fine thanked the Board members for the time that was spent on Saturday on the governance of the District. In closing, he noted that over the last couple of weeks the state has released dropout information and that Ramona High School's recent information indicated only 30 dropouts because of their dropout program.

I.3 Next Board Meeting: February 3, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Lock-Dawson adjourned the Public Session at 9:47 p.m., in memory of Mrs. Shirley Gordon, former library aide at Monroe Elementary School; Mr. Ronald Vladovich, Arlington High School graduate, former Supervisor in Maintenance and Operations and worker at Sunshine Early Childhood Center; Mrs. Penny Butler, former teacher at Alcott and Madison Elementary Schools; and Mr. William Gibbs, former RUSD plumber.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education